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Toc H members accept a four-fold commitment:

1 To build friendships across the barriers that divide man from man.

2 To give personal service.

3 To find their own convictions while always being willing to listen to the views of others.

4 To work for the building of that better world which has been called the Kingdom of God.

This magazine, which acts as a forum for ideas about Toc H and about the world in which we live, takes its title from the third of these Four Points—to think fairly.

On the cover:

Informality and friendliness were the keynotes of the second Cotswold Festival, held at Dor Knap early in September. Some 700 people enjoyed the Festival over the two days, despite unfavourable weather on the Saturday. A pictorial record of the event appears on pages 198 and 199.

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VIEWPOINT

Accepting our responsibilities

In the political world over the past few years 'participation' has become an 'in' word. This recognition that people have a right to a say in decisions which affect their lives is, perhaps, the modern version of the slogan: 'No taxation without representation'.

There has been no threat of a Toc H version of the Boston Tea Party but there has, nonetheless, been a growing feeling in many quarters that decisions should, so far as possible, be taken locally rather than centrally. If members are to feel a full part of the wider Family of Toc H they must be given the opportunity of sharing in the Family's decision making. Our version of the American colonists' battle cry might perhaps be: 'No commitment without responsibility'.

This is part of the thinking behind the Central Executive's recommendations to the Central Council in **Action for the Seventies,** which describes the administrative changes which the Executive believes necessary to give effect to the policies outlined in **Strategy for the Seventies.** 'We believe it is necessary,' says the report, 'to challenge each individual to accept a greater responsibility for the future of Toc H —to be involved in decision making and therefore to be more committed to ensuring those decisions are carried out. Only by a willingness on the part of all the membership to respond positively, to participate fully, do we believe we can ensure the survival let alone the development of the Movement in the second half of the decade.'

Action for the Seventies recommends the setting up of Regional Councils and Regional Executive Committees, which would take over responsibility for planning the use of resources and the deployment of staff within the Region. ¶ 'In order to achieve successful management at this level,' says the report, 'Regions must be of realistic size, with good communications.' This means, in effect, that the existing Regions will each be divided into two or three to create more workable units.

Another basic aim of this new report is to 'give members a more positive role and free a number of them from purely routine administrative tasks', thus enabling them to play a fuller part in the real work of development and extension. The report recommends the abolition of District Teams in their present form and their replacement by small District Executive Committees. This reform is seen as paving the way for the formation of 'development groups, extension teams, project committees, etc, some of which would be on a multi District basis'. The abolition of District Teams may sound at first a radical step but in fact it is a logical development from experiments that have been taking place in several parts of the country. The experiment in South London described by John Trimmer in our April issue is just one example. To those involved in such experiments this reform will seem both logical and essential.

'Few of us like administration,' says the report's conclusion, 'and Toc H has not traditionally paid as much heed to efficiency as it has to inspiration. But only if we can unburden ourselves of the mundane tasks involved in running the Movement, by organising them effectively, are we in a position to concentrate our energy and skill in seeking out and passing on to others the inspiration and ideas which the Movement generates.'

At the time of writing I have, of course, no way of knowing what the Council will decide, but one thing at least is clear. The American colonists were prepared to fight in order to assume responsibility for their own affairs. Unless we are not merely willing but determined to take our share of responsibility for the Movement to which we belong the recommendations of the Executive will be mere tinkering with the machinery, rather than, as I believe they can be, the springboard for new growth.

K P-B

"WITH NEW ZEAL"

This year the World Chain of Light starts and ends in New Zealand. The heart of the Chain is Wellington, New Zealand's capital city from where Philip Liner reports on this most important time for prayerful remembrance for Toc H around the world.

Philip Liner, the author of this article, is Dominion Vice-Chairman Toc H New Zealand

When I lived in England, I, and I guess the other 53 million or so Britons too, thought that New Zealand was the end of the world. But it is not the end of the world, it is the beginning. It is where each day starts. In my job as a radio announcer I have to be up and doing around 4.30 am on most days of the year, and far from this being a chore, I find it a joy because when I look out from my home on those dawns just breaking over the hills, I can imagine that I am one of the very first people in the whole wide world to witness the start of that new day. It is an uplifting and invigorating feeling.

We hope to spread to you, wherever you are in the world, something of that same uplifting and invigorating feeling on December 11/12, when New Zealand starts that very special day in the life of Toc H, the World Chain Of Light.

I need hardly mention the honour and thrill we felt here, particularly in the Dominion Executive, when we were asked if we would undertake the arrangements for this year's ceremony. It is only when one starts to look at the implications of saying 'yes' to such a request that it becomes apparent that World Chains of Light do not just happen. Never before personally having been close to the organising of a 24 hour vigil, I had not realised how much time and effort Toc H folk around the world put into their task each year. In New Zealand we are lucky—and we think you are lucky too—to have two men of the calibre of Jack Davies (former staff man in Britain and out here) and the Reverend D T W (Jock) Kinloch, Dominion Padre, available to carry the burden of choosing the prayers and themes for the day-long session.

Let me now fill in some background to the formal message which you should have in your hands well before the Chain begins. I hope you might perhaps even feel disposed to read this article as part of your remembrance, the better to understand about where New Zealand is, and what Toc H is trying to do in that far-flung corner of the Commonwealth. You can find us on the map by looking at latitude 34.5 degrees to 47 degrees south and longitude 166 degrees to 178.5 degrees east. On a globe of the world you must look underneath. There you will find that our nearest neighbour is Australia—not all that near either, 1200 miles to the west, —and Fiji is about the same distance to the north. If you keep going straight down you would come to the south pole, and that is cold. The main point of this is to pinpoint us on the map so that when you join us to keep vigil you can send your thoughts on the long journey to Wellington, capital of the Dominion, and headquarters of Toc H New Zealand.

And what of Toc H in New Zealand? A recent Dominion conference reaffirmed the still pressing need for our work in this country where the social services are first class and where folk are well fed and well housed. But as Toc H finds elsewhere, the provision by the State of so many of the things which Toc H in its love used to give, does not mean there is nothing left for our Movement to do. So in New Zealand Toc H

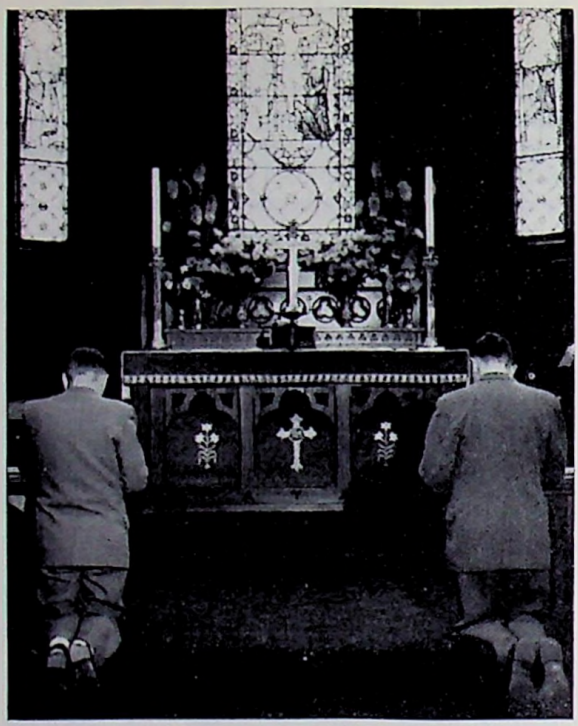
works with the elderly, the blind, the infirm, the handicapped young and old, and the fit and healthy in the several aporting bodies which carry our name. Not that Toc H members here are all the outdoor types you might associate with the All Blacks or Sir Edmund Hillary, despite what you may have surmised from earlier articles in *Point Three*. No, like you, and you, and you, and you, we are 'knocking on a bit', but still our light shines. Our roll numbers may be small, but remember the song 'although we're few in numbers, we're the finest in the land . . .' One wonders though if percentagewise our figures are really smaller than in other parts of the Toc H world. There are about 300 of us, members and Associates throughout the country, and our total population in New Zealand is around 3 million souls. You can work out the percentages. And so we try to make our impact, bearing in mind the promise made to us long ago, 'where two or three are gathered together in my name . . .'

As you read our message at your own ceremony of Light we shall be keeping our vigil in Old St Paul's, built in 1866, and therefore one of the oldest buildings in New Zealand, and until a few years ago Pro-Cathedral in Wellington. The new St Paul's Cathedral is just across the way, a modern building, light, soaring, colourful, and so very different from the old church in which we watch. Vastly different in structure, in style, in materials, but with that same feeling of a 'living presence'. Old St Paul's is probably the finest example of wooden Gothic architecture in the world and is filled with the prayers and devotions of the many thousands who have worshipped here for over a century.

When the new Cathedral was built, the State bought Old St Paul's to preserve for future use as a memorial of the finest craftsmanship. Once the scene of national and civic great occasions, where Royalty and commoners have worshipped, Old St Paul's now has a life, a new life, where every day many visitors come for a quiet moment to ponder the past. Occasional weddings, chamber music concerts and happenings such as the World Chain of Light Vigil, take place here superseding the regular services, and yet the church is still a church, with its stained glass, brass plaques, altar still intact, and a spirit still alive and witnessing to the highest values. The last time New Zealand was honoured with being the heart of the Chain was 1959, and now, in 1973, we are again privileged to use this place.

Jack Davies and Jock Kinlock in planning the vigil have given us plenty to occupy our minds during our watchful hours, and also plenty to help us to think of you, wherever you are in the world. We have colourful brochures provided by the airlines, the diplomatic offices and the shipping companies; we have books and other literature specially relating to the subject for each of the 24 hours; and we have prayers. Prayerfully thought-of prayers, and in addition to our own personal prayers and those devised by the Dominion Padre we shall be making use of that newest Toc H prayer book, *Yours Is The*

Old St Paul's in Wellington, New Zealand, one of the country's oldest buildings, is the venue for the start and finish of this year's World Chain of Light.



Flashback to 1959, the last year in which the World Chain of Light started in New Zealand. Old St Paul's was the venue then also.

Glory. We shall specially be looking at and meditating upon the Four Points of the Compass, underlining the importance the Dominion Executive of Toc H in New Zealand places upon our guidelines as we plan our strategy for the 70's. Our prayers in each hour will end like this:

> '*All through this day, O Lord, I shall be touching the lives of others. Every life I touch do thou by thy Holy Spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe or the life I live.*'

And thus shall we be thinking of you. In our first hour we shall be praying for our own country—at 0900 hours GMT December 11. The second hour of the vigil will find us thinking of 'Travel, Danger, Necessity and Tribulation'. At 1100, Australia, 1200, Padres. And as the Light wings its way across the world we greet Hong Kong at 1300, Malaysia and Singapore at 1400, India and Sri Lanka at 1500, Pakistan at 1600. At 1700 GMT our thoughts will be with the armed services; at 1800 with those in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. The following hour we prayerfully link with Rhodesia and South Africa. By 2000 the Light has reached Europe, and by 2100 (9 pm UK time) we are in Britain. An hour later our remembrances have reached Ireland, followed by the merchant navy services. As December 11 closes on the 24 hour clock we think of South America, and on into the United States of America by 0100 hours. Canada is next at 0200, and by 0300 on the 12th we are back into the Pacific, in Fiji and the many islands to which New Zealand is so closely linked politically and ethnically. Indonesia is in our sights at 0400, and at 0500 we pray for 'Home and Family Life', followed at 0600 by Work, especially creative work. We shall remember the elder brethren, and the lonely and aged at 0700, with our thoughts on the youth of the world at 0800. Our final hour of vigil will see us looking back over our 24 hours, and as the clock reaches 0900, and as the Light comes back to us in New Zealand, we shall hold our final short service, take Light, and say our commissioning prayers. Many of the members of Toc H New Zealand will be travelling to Wellington to join in the Vigil, and we look forward to knowing that your prayers have joined with ours in this one important opportunity for the whole of the Toc H world to link together, an opportunity not to be missed, and one which we here trust will enable you to rise from your knees afire with that New Zeal.

Welcome Point

The following branches elected new members during September:

8—Central, Doncaster (j).

6—Melton Mowbray (w).

4—Corsham (m).

3—New Addington (m), Ryde (j), Southport (j).

2—Rushden Pytchley (w).

1—Alton (w), Arkington (j), Bargoed (w), Chalfonts (w), Coningsby (m), East Anglia Area, East Midlands Area, East Worthing (w), Glenrothes (j), Highams Park (j), Hitchin (m), Ickenham & Uxbridge (w), Kingston on Thames (m), Margate (m), Milborne Port (m), Milford on Sea (j), Moseley (j), Mundesley on Sea (m), Newcastle (Staffs.) (j), Oxford & Thames Valley Area, Skelmorlie & Wemyss Bay (j), Troon (m), Walton (m), Wem (j), Westminster (j), Worthing (m).

We offer a warm welcome to the 63 new members.

Day or Night Attendance Allowance.

Older people can claim it now.

People of 65 and over who are so severely disabled – either physically or mentally – that they need a lot of help from another person by day or at night, can now claim Attendance Allowance. Payment, at £4.15 a week tax free, begins on December 3. If you know any people you think may be eligible, make sure they claim immediately.

People who need help both by day and at night are already eligible for the full rate which will have been automatically increased to £6.20 tax free from October 1. But neither rate is payable for people who are NHS hospital in-patients or who are in certain residential accommodation such as a local authority home.

Attendance Allowance.

Make sure they know and help them claim now.

Leaflets (NI.205) and claim forms are available from local Social Security offices.

At the Court of Chief Mthembu

In May 1972 Alec Churcher outlined the new concept of a decentralised health service based on the Botha's Hill TB Settlement, and using some of the money raised by the Etembeni appeal in Jubilee year. The first clinic is now in course of construction and Don McKenzie, founder of the TB Settlement, reports on the latest developments.

There is a hospital in South Africa which is known as the King Edward VIII Hospital and it is situated in Durban. Its services are excellent and its doctors and nurses are dedicated people. There is a tremendous amount of work to be done at this hospital and people come there from far and near for help. From an early hour of the day there will be long queues of people, some of whom have travelled a long way and, because of the pressure upon the medical staff, may not be able to receive the benefit of medical services available in ordinary circumstances. Many of these people may be compelled to take that long journey back home and return to seek help another day. Home may be at a place called Emolweni which is not far from Etembeni, that place of hope called Botha's Hill TB Settlement founded by Toc H. It is there at Emolweni that the administrators of the TB Settlement have decided to concentrate their endeavours in assisting to develop a comprehensive health service which will bear an important relationship to the prevention of tuberculosis. It is there at Emolweni a Zulu Chief of proud ancestry called Mthembu has built his home and his court. His tribe owns land that is poor and his people are poor, but his wisdom is profound and he is concerned over the welfare of his people. He is illiterate and seeks help so that he may learn to read and write and this help will be available to him through the services of the Etembeni staff.

Because Etembeni has chosen Emolweni to be the area of its new activities within the framework of a comprehensive health service, the control of tuberculosis becomes manageable in a logical way. A huge breath of fresh air seems to have blown across the hills and the vales of Chief Mthembu's lands, because work has commenced on a clinic, nurses' home and community hall.

This has been the result of many negotiations with the Chief and his Councillors. The end result of these negotiations has been the decision to build this clinic with a nurses' home and a large community hall adjacent to the Chief's Court and home. It pioneers a concept of after-care for the total health of people. It is a practical attempt to decentralise medical services so that it will be unnecessary for people to travel that long journey to the King Edward VIII Hospital in Durban.

The clinic will be staffed by qualified African nurses and necessary helpers who will attend to the sick and needy. Should their particular needs require the services of a doctor, the nurses will communicate with the Resident Medical Officer at the Etembeni Settlement, which will be regarded as a 'cottage hospital', who will instruct the clinic staff as to whether the patient should be brought in from the hills.

Communication will be made by two-way radio. Only after examination by the doctor will a decision be made as to whether the patient should be sent on to the King Edward VIII Hospital. Around the clinic will revolve the services of total health after-care.

An African health educator, an African agricultural demonstrator (both employed by the Government) will be in attendance to guide and direct the local people in health subjects and in hygiene and also in the development of communal gardens for the production of vegetables of nutritional value. Around the clinic and other buildings will be traditional huts built by the local inhabitants. An expectant mother will be accommodated for a necessary period in these huts under medical supervision until the delivery of her baby. The delivery itself will take place, under trained supervision, in the three-bedded maternity ward which is an integral part of the clinic itself. Post-natal services will be available together with guidance in child care. A valuable immunisation service will be introduced and it is believed that, with more intensive follow-up and growing awareness of the causes of disease, the incidence of tuberculosis will be greatly reduced.

The community hall will be used not only for recreational purposes, but also for holding classes to train the local inhabitants in various crafts and to teach the illiterate to read and write.

It is there at Emolweni that the after-care of the discharged tuberculosis patients from the Etembeni Tuberculosis Settlement can be most effectively followed up. Because tuberculosis is a socio-economic disease it is now known that it cannot be isolated from the concept of total health.

This is an exciting adventure and the Government Health Department is most interested in this pioneer project. The same pattern may well be followed in other parts of the country.

The foundations have now been laid and building has commenced. This will be the pioneer project of a new concept of after-care within the framework of the work of the TB Settlement at Martha's Hill.

Letters

Exploiting Animals

As the wife of a Toc H secretary I'm always interested in reading *Point Three*. But as an animal-welfare worker I deplore that Toc H of all organisations should be guilty of the exploitation of animals for fund-raising events, particularly donkey derbies, as illustrated on the cover in August.

Is it so difficult in these days of mass media and high-powered entertainment to find ways of raising funds without bringing animals into use? Bowling for pigs, guessing the weight of sheep, offering goldfish as prizes—all of which could be substituted by less harrassing alternatives. Animals *do* feel fear and distress in crowds and unfamiliar surroundings. We as the supposedly superior species do *not* have the right to inflict such conditions on them.

Item four of your Toc H commitment states: 'To work for the building of that better world which has been called the Kingdom of God'. Please remember that animals are part of God's Kingdom too. We cannot exclude them—and we are answerable for all the abuses we heap on them.

Mrs B E Hardwick *Stourport-on-Severn, Worcs*

Thank You

I am writing on behalf of the Birmingham Group of the NSPCC, to express our thanks to all those concerned in giving such a wonderful holiday recently to some of the children known to us. Especially we would like to thank Mrs Norrie Morgan of Brigg branch who managed to find people in the Brigg area who were prepared to give the children a week which they will never forget.

The 44 children who went to Lincolnshire come from a variety of backgrounds but all of them gained a lot from spending a week in a different home environment. Many of the parents have said, since their children returned, that they have noticed the benefits their children have got from the holiday, over and above just being on holiday for a week. These benefits of course are a valuable discussion point during the continuing work we are doing with these families to try and improve the home conditions the children are living in here.

Many of the families where the children stayed have been in communication with the parents since the holiday and many have expressed a wish to have the children again. One mother who has expressed her feelings of not being needed by anyone on numerous occasions in the past was delighted when she received a letter from the person where her children stayed, and they now appear to be communicating regularly. The mother told me it was the first letter, other than official ones, she had received for years.

D G Wakefield *Inspector, National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Birmingham*

Lost for Words

The significance of your August editorial on 'Toc H experience' is very real for me as I visit two young patients in a local home for spastics.

John, a member of Toc H, Peter and I have to struggle in order to communicate. Though John takes courses in speech therapy he is almost inarticulate. Peter is quite speechless, but introduces himself by spelling out his name with a finger pointing to letters on the alphabet-board on his lap. John gets excited when he sees me arrive so I find a quiet corner of the lounge for his wheelchair until he regains control of his muscles. Then I attempt phrases requiring just a positive or negative response. When Peter joins to make the trio he helps with his lexicography!

Despite all this there are smiles and a remarkable sense of contentment. Contact with the 'outside world' is occasionally possible, and John is wheeled into the public gardens. He enjoys watching bowls on the green. Nothing I have said truly describes this experience. One is just lost for words.

Edwin Harrison *Bakewell, Derbyshire*

65 AND THEN?

Last month George Liddle made suggestions for co-operation between Toc H and Help the Aged in the provision of housing and Day Centres for the elderly. We invited Anne Faulkner, Hon Publicity Officer of Help the Aged, to explain the thinking behind the organisation's current campaign for a massive increase in the provision of Day Centres throughout the country. She issues this challenge to Toc H.

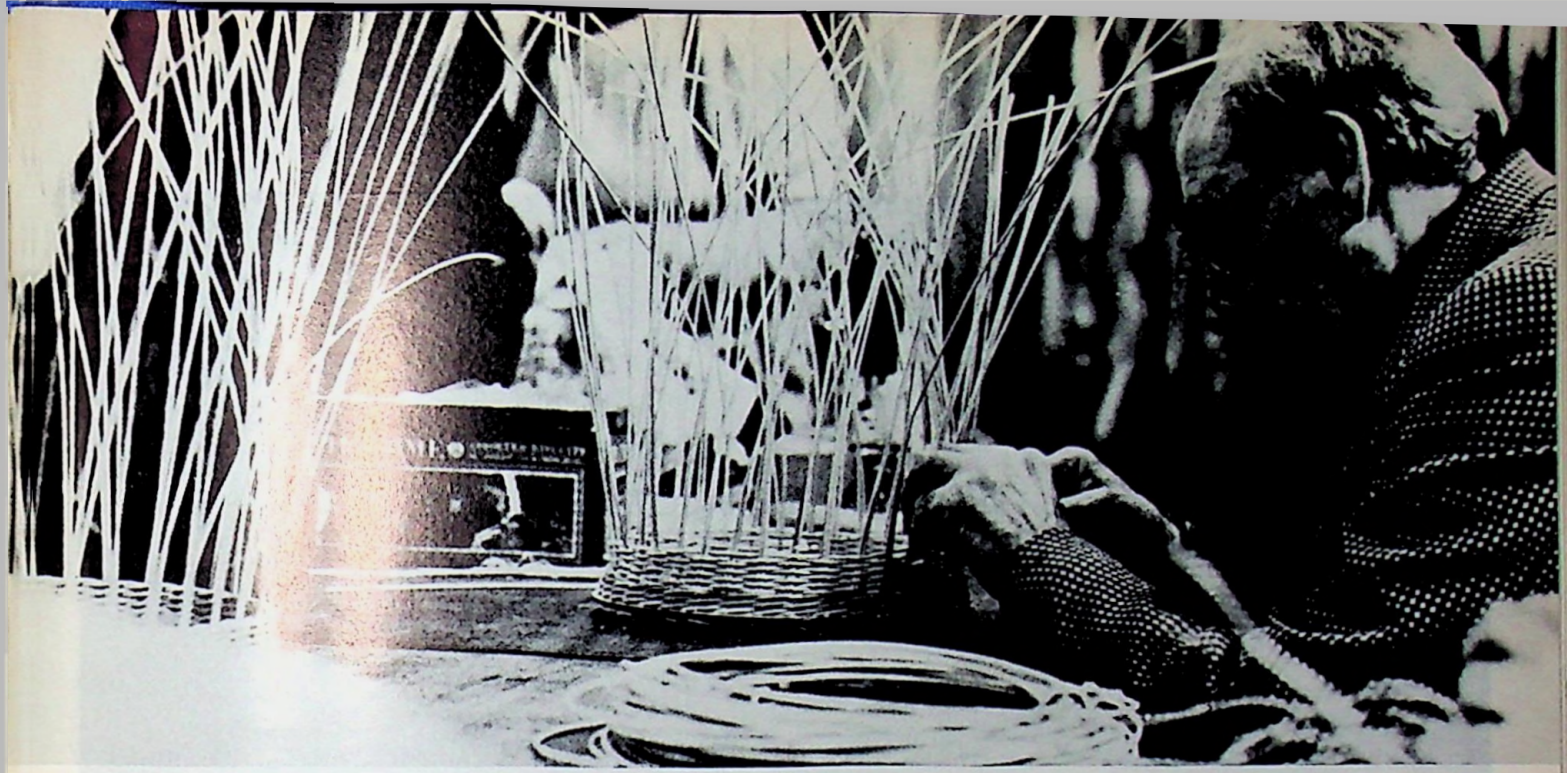
Below: A meal at an economic price and the companionship of friends at a lunch club.

Day Centres not only provide an antidote to loneliness but also help to make a meagre pension go further.

Opposite: Day Centres help the elderly to find new interests in life and new outlets for their energy.

Photos: Courtesy Help the Aged

A presentation cup or cheque, a few weeks of novel idleness, then either a happy active life within the community or a life which grows gradually into a hell of loneliness and despair. Disturbing the regular routine of work and leisure can have a traumatic effect on the newly retired. After living on a regular wage with money for extras the newly retired may find themselves having to apply for Supplementary Benefits to pay for the rent, rates and much needed extras. They looked forward to leisure palls after a few weeks leaving behind frustration and inertia. They are longing for a purpose in life, the longing to feel needed is paramount. Yet they see the busy world around them in which they have no place and a long and purposeless life stretching ahead of them. A wise geriatrician was quoted in the House of Lords recently as saying that illness tends to fill the gap left by the job. There are also facts to suggest that there is a strong connection between a long and healthy life and continued work.



The statistics are shattering. 2 million old people live alone; approximately ¾ million old people live in complete isolation never speaking to anyone except a few tradespeople.

From these facts two needs emerge. One is the need for companionship and occupation to replace the job; the other is a way of underpinning the pension. Both these problems can be solved by the provision of Day Centres for the elderly, and to do this well, the Day Centres must have active and outgoing leadership. Obviously, every area will have different needs to suit the environment and the type of people living around, but broadly speaking a Day Centre should act as an umbrella for a lunch club, and provide sitting rooms as places to meet old friends and make new ones.

Other possibilities include clubs to meet differing interests; a launderette; a room for a chiropody service; a sheltered workshop where light work may be undertaken to earn a little money; and an employment bureau where local people needing help from others who have retired may make their needs known, and the fit and active among those attending the Centre can find new employment.

Day Centres are also places where the elderly housebound can once again join in the life of the community. Each Centre should be built to allow room for wheelchairs. Special transport facilities may be made available so that those who have come to look upon their homes as a prison may find release and a new joy in life.

With the ever rising cost of food and fuel those living on pensions find life more and more difficult. This is where the Day Centre can underpin the pension. Lunches at economic prices and warm rooms in which to enjoy a day's work or leisure means that the old person has more money to spend on extra fuel and more high protein food when he or she is at home.

There would seem to be no other way in which relief to the elderly can be given at so little cost per head and yet the provision of Day Centres is deplorable. One town in the West with a retired population of 6,500 has only one voluntary club for 20 old people; and a London borough has a retired population of some 27,000 and one local authority Day Centre. There are other authorities who are anxious to help with the provision of these Centres and heavily subsidise any effort made by local people.

Help the Aged conducted a nationwide survey and found that well over 90 per cent of the national retired population lack the essential facilities of a Day Centre. The need for action is urgent. Every city, town and village needs a group of outgoing dedicated people who would be prepared to run a Day Centre and to raise some money for it. Help the Aged will consider requests for grants to finance the initial cost of such a venture and the local authority would be likely to welcome it and add its support in running costs. It would need the continuing support of such a lively initiating group and what better place to look for one than among Toc H branches.

PROJECTS 1973

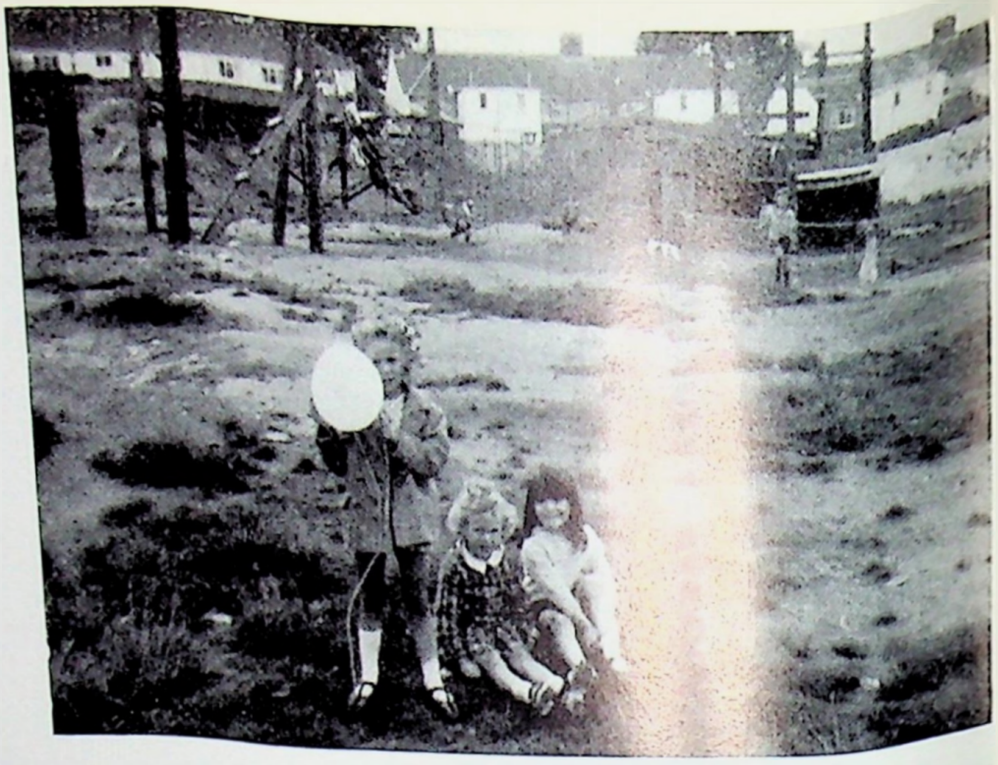
Dibgate Camp, near Folkestone, Kent, was made available by the Army for two projects during the summer. Boating on the canal at Hythe was a popular activity for the patients from Botley's Park mental hospital in Surrey who spent a holiday at Dibgate.

The mental patients enjoyed days on the beaches at Hythe, Folkestone, Dymchurch and New Romney. Trips on the New Romney miniature railway, a visit to Dover Castle and shopping sprees were other popular activities. Photos: Pat Thomas

In addition to the periods of relaxation 'the patients, especially the older ones, appreciated having responsibility for carrying out certain jobs which camp life demands,' reports project leader Richard Forsaith.

Sandwiches in the pavilion after a game of cricket, served by members of Hythe women's branch. Volunteers on this project expressed warm appreciation of the tremendous contribution to its success made by Toc H members in Hythe.
Photos: Pat Thomas

The South Staffs District was responsible for a children's holiday project based on three play centres in Wolverhampton. The children were extremely tough, many coming from very large families. One 11 year old, however, demonstrated remarkable ability at chess. In addition to playing with the children at the centres the volunteers took them on outings to the sea and the country. Above all, they took an interest in them.



The hotel in Great Yarmouth which was the base for this year's holiday for the blind. Two minibuses enabled the party to make a wide variety of trips.

Photo: Bob Broeder

The East Anglia coast has much to offer the holidaymaker—including this popular miniature railway, which was much enjoyed by the blind people who spent their holiday at Great Yarmouth.
Photo: Bob Broeder

On this project volunteers act as eyes for the blind—and in the process find that they see clearly much that they would ordinarily take for granted.
Photo: Bob Broeder

NEWSPOINT

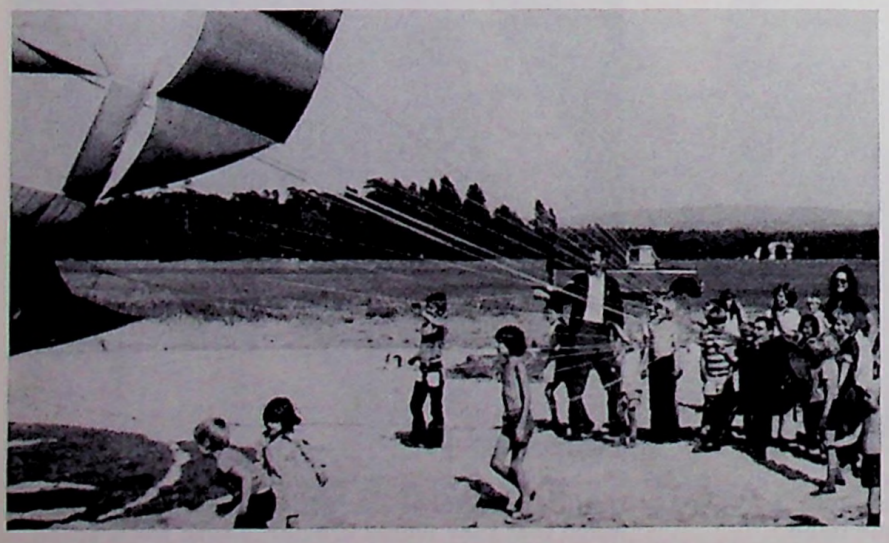
THE NEW GERMAN MIRACLE

Wally Walton

The pilot Toc H playscheme which took place at Barker Barracks, near Paderborn in Germany, this summer suggests that miracles are not a thing of the past. The playscheme was a new venture for which the army provided facilities and Toc H contributed the volunteers and experience. The miracle? After a parents' meeting at Easter to which no parents came no one could have foreseen that 24 parents would come to a meeting at the start of the playscheme; and that 40 would attend the drama afternoon which formed the climax of the scheme. A group of parents did all the catering for this occasion.

Eighty children, aged between 5 and 11—the maximum number that could be catered for—attended the playscheme daily. The programme was designed to strike a balance between entertainment and education and, fittingly, the Army Day had a foot in both camps. The morning was spent at the Dog Training Unit. The parachuting display could not take place due to the wind but a ground demonstration was given and, to the children's delight, they nearly saw parachuting in reverse!

A spirit of friendliness and happiness was established during the fortnight. Avenues such as these are rarely explored because of the constant diversions of postings to Northern Ireland and the run of the mill exercises which unsettle a mobile community such as this. The playscheme proved itself an excellent vehicle but Toc H should beware of becoming the permanent driver. We hope we have left behind us a tradition that a playscheme is run by that community each summer and with a nucleus of mothers remaining from this year I think a new playscheme can grow. It is now time for more miracles.



'Parachuting in reverse' during Army Day at this summer's experimental playscheme at Paderborn.

Staff Changes

We are in the happy position of being able to welcome four new members of staff this month:

Sue Cumming has joined the Midland Regional staff, based in Peterborough, and will have a particular responsibility for the development of projects in the eastern part of the Region. She has been working as a teacher, and has experience of Toc H projects.

Christine Bostock, who comes from a Toc H family, has also had experience of projects. She is a member of the Northern Regional staff team, and will be working in the western part of the Region.

Another new member of the Northern Regional staff team is the Rev Philip Bishop who will be working on Humberside in succession to Ted Hough. Like Ted, he will be working with the Industrial Mission on Humberside, relating his work as an industrial chaplain to Toc H.

Cheryl Sterry joined the staff on September 1 and is working alongside Wally Walton in the South Eastern Regional projects office.

We also welcome three long term volunteers, Richard Jackson (Northern Region), Helen Meads (Midland Region) and Ruth Sasser (Western Region).

At the same time we have to say farewell to Les Gosden who has had to retire for health reasons after 13 years on the staff, in the Accounts Department and, most recently, at Mark 20, Putney.

And finally congratulations (or should it be commiserations?) to Assistant General Secretary Ken Rogers who has been appointed ¶Festival Secretary for the Diamond Jubilee in 1975. He expects to be working full time on this new assignment from about the middle of next year.

Film unit wound up

Ted Curry

The final chapter in the story of the Northampton Toc H Film Unit was written recently when the branch disposed of the remaining assets.

After despatching the projector and other equipment to Bombay in 1972 as reported in *Point Three* July 1972 and June 1973, there remained some cash in hand from the running expenses fund and the equipment replacement fund and the branch was committed to finding an 'imaginative' use for this money.

It was in November 1972 that the branch heard about Radio Nene Valley, a hospital broadcasting service, based on the General Hospital in Northampton, then 12 months old. It was considered that the aims of the broadcasting service in bringing news and entertainment to hospital patients were very similar to those of the Film Unit and some of the remaining money could be usefully employed to purchase additional much-needed equipment.

A second suggestion had however been made, that a small number of wheelchairs should be bought and given to Manfield Hospital; finally it was agreed to adopt both these propositions.

In August a meeting was arranged at Manfield Hospital when Arthur Ward, the branch chairman, presented three wheelchairs, capable of being self-propelled, to the Senior Nursing Officer of the hospital, hoping that the chairs would be put to good use by the patients for many years. He also presented a cheque for £129.31 to Graham Mabbutt, chairman of Radio Nene Valley, with the best wishes of Toc H in Northampton for the continued success of their venture.

To mark the occasion a photograph was published in the local paper and the full story of the Film Unit was written by a branch member and subsequently recorded and broadcast over the hospital system.

Some of the distinguished guests who enjoyed the lakeside supper party at The Holme in Regent's Park organised by West Central branch. Among those who attended this pleasant social occasion were the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster and Sandy Giles, Director of Toc H (third from left) and Lady Giles. As a result of the evening the branch was able to contribute £85 to the fund raised by the North London District Team to provide a holiday in Norfolk for deprived children. Photo: G R Tearle

A double anniversary

Nearly 200 guests attended a reception in Chippenham Town Hall to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Chippenham women's branch and the 40th anniversary of the town's men's branch. Cyril Rowley and Olive Parrott, both founder members, outlined the history of the branches and two short tape/slide shows produced by Reg Coates showed past and present activities. John Forbes, Western Regional staff, spoke briefly on the future role of Toc H. The reception was attended by the Mayor of Chippenham, by members of neighbouring branches and ex-members, Builders, friends and representatives of various local organisations.

Besides an harmonious rendering of the branch theme song 'Wiltshire Moonrakers', the evening closed with the hymn 'The day thou gavest'. The words of this hymn were written by John Ellerton, whose son, the late Admiral Ellerton, was a founder member of the branch, and the original manuscript is kept by the branch.

Yours welcome

The first issue of *Yours*, a new national monthly newspaper for the elderly, sponsored by Help the Aged, was published in September. This attractively produced tabloid newspaper gives information in clear and simple language about the complex tangle of rights to which old people may be entitled but which too many of them know nothing about. But its primary aim is to encourage the elderly to live full and active lives and it includes information and suggestions on holidays, hobbies, books etc. The paper is being distributed free to old people. The initial print order was 200,000 and Help the Aged expect the circulation to climb rapidly to the million mark.

Help the Aged is asking for help from local organisations in distributing the paper. If you know of old people who do not yet receive *Yours* and could undertake to deliver it to them the address to contact is *Yours*, 8-10 Denman Street, London W1A 2AP.

INVOLVEMENT

Hector M Innes

How many can we involve and how involved can we get?

Twenty local children needed a holiday. Uxbridge men and Ickenham & Uxbridge ladies assisted by Harefield and in association with the King Edward VII Memorial Fund raised the money. The necessary Jumble Sale and the Garden Party held in a member's garden brought help from many friends and neighbours.

Hillingdon Borough Council booked the accommodation at The School Journey Centre, St Mary's Bay, Dymchurch, Kent, selected the children, and provided a welfare officer as camp leader. A theological college and a university each provided a camp helper. The Women's Royal Voluntary Service and friends of members supplied a wealth of spare clothing. Hythe branch entertained the children to a ride on the Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway, to tea and to an evening of games.

Twenty local children enjoyed their holiday.

Fred Garrett and Gordon Berry man the 'sta[illegible]' stall at the Finmere Show. This North Bucks District [illegible]ed £60 for the Jimmy Savile Toc H spinal lounge at Stoke [illegible]e Hospital. This appeal, which was launched in *Point Three* in [illegible], has captured the imagination of branches over a wide area. Already over £5,000 has been given or promised towards the target of £7,000.
Photo: Buckingham Advertiser

Tubby Clayton Memorial Fund

The Trustees of the Tubby Clayton Memorial Fund invite members of Toc H who wish to do so to mark the first celebration of the World Chain of Light since Tubby's death by making a small contribution (limited to 50p) to the Fund in personal thanksgiving for Tubby's life.

The main purpose of the Fund will be to develop and spread among younger people the ideals which Tubby taught throughout his life. Particular emphasis will be placed on 'pump-priming' new experiments.

Contributions to the Fund may be sent to Sir James Brown, Trustee, c/o Toc H Administrative Headquarters, 1 Forest Close, Wendover, Aylesbury, Bucks HP22 6BT.

New Mental Health Film

MIND (The National Association for Mental Health) has produced a new film which sounds of particular interest to Toc H branches. The film, called 'People who mind', looks at ways in which volunteers can help people recovering from mental illness. 'People who mind' is a 16 mm colour film, running for 26 minutes. The distributors are Concord Films Council, Nacton, Ipswich, Suffolk and the hire charge is £3.50.

Hospital broadcasts in NZ

The latest issue of *Out and About*, the magazine of Toc H New Zealand, to reach London reports the start of the first Toc H hospital broadcast unit in New Zealand. The initiative for this development was taken by members of Nelson branch, in particular Bernard Peters. For the moment the unit broadcasts an hour long record request programme once a week to patients in Nelson Hospital. During the afternoon before the broadcast members of the team visit all seven wards in the hospital. 'By visiting the wards', says Bernard Peters, 'it became immediately evident that the involvement of patients, their anticipation of being spoken to again during the broadcast and hearing their choice of music, was the surest way of giving pleasure and providing an interest to share with other patients. The afternoon visit is probably the most important part—considered as Toc H fellowship in action.'

The ladies of the new branch in Rishton, Lancashire, are obviously cricket fans. They borrowed a genuine Lancashire county cricket cap and used 1500 red roses to decorate their first ever entry for the town's carnival.
Photo: Studio Royal

One good turn deserves another

Sue Sutton

As a result of a Toc H member in Watford leading a local project for OUTSET, their local organiser, Geoffrey Peppiatt ,asked if he could direct any of their volunteers towards Toc H, thus encouraging them to take regular interest in community help. This may be invaluable to the start of a new youth group for Toc H in this particular area. Once it is up and running, no matter how involved the branch may be in its own affairs, it can pay dividends to step outside Toc H and extend help to other organisations.

Watford joint branch are hoping to invite a member of staff from OUTSET to come and give a talk at a later date, thus continuing the ties.

The 'paint-in' at the centre for the handicapped in Norwich, which was reported in our August issue. This was organised by some of the young people who helped with the mini-handi dance in Norwich. A more recent project undertaken by this group has been an attempt to tidy up part of Cromer beach. About 30 people spent most of a Sunday working on a half mile section of beach, and carried away 20 plastic sacks full of rubbish. The organisers of the project hoped to set an example to holiday makers in the area. The day ended with a beach barbecue.

Photo : Eastern Daily Press

In brief...

The Toc H Athletic Club in Christchurch, New Zealand, is planning an international athletics meetings on January 19 and 20, the weekend before the Commonwealth Games open in the city. It is expected that the majority of the athletes taking part in the Games will want to use the Toc H meeting as their final warm up.

Central Councillor Charles Clark, just returned from Poland after a spell working there as a volunteer for the Sue Ryder Foundation, tells us that the Foundation is urgently looking for qualified bricklayers, carpenters, decorators, electricians and plumbers for work both in Britain and abroad. Details from the Sue Ryder Foundation, Cavendish, Suffolk. We shall be publishing Charles' account of his year in Poland soon.

A party of Protestant and Roman Catholic children from Belfast spent a holiday at the Toc H centre at Rhyl again this summer. Members of Conway branch who organised a day outing for the boys comment on how well they seemed to get on together.

A second Bournemouth eating place, Durley Dene Hotel, has offered free lunches to pensioners nominated by Bournemouth branch. The branch is now able to nominate six pensioners each week for free meals. Those who have benefited so far speak appreciatively of the meal and the courtesy they have received.

Also from Bournemouth. The proceeds of four coffee evenings held in members' homes (amounting to £10) have been sent to the Stoke Mandeville spinal lounge appeal.

The Rev Ken Bloxham, former Southern Area secretary, has returned to the Area in his retirement. His arrival in Wimborne, Dorset, was warmly welcomed by members there, and he will clearly have no difficulty in keeping himself occupied.

One summer's evening members of Hayle, Cornwall, branch, replaced their usual meeting with an outing by minibus, a change from routine which they recommend to others.

The 120 elderly people who took part in an outing to Felixtowe arranged by Mildenhall, Suffolk, branch were each given 50p towards the cost of a midday meal.

Another mini handi dance will take place this month, in the London Borough of Croydon. About 100 disabled people will take part in the dance, which is being organised by New Addington branch, with the co-operation of the Social Services Department.

One the Test selectors overlooked? Peter Davies, playing for Fareham Toc H in an end of season game against Droxford, scored 80 not out (out of a total of 133 for seven declared) and then took all 10 Droxford wickets for 28. Toc H won by 79 runs.

cotswold festival

The second Cotswold Festival at Dor Knap was as popular and successful as its predecessor. It attracted about 700 visitors, including two of the Festival Patrons, Sir Gordon Russell and Miss Janet Suzman.

The pictures on these pages give an indication of the wide range of entertainment offered, but they cannot really convey the wonderfully friendly and relaxed atmosphere of the event, an atmosphere which was, perhaps, typified by the moment at the end of the Saturday evening drama performance. Rain fell for much of the evening but the play went on and at the end the audience applauded the performers, and the performers applauded the audience, for having stuck it out.

The success of the event is a tribute to a very hard working organising committee, and its secretary George Lee; to artistic director John Hull; and of, course, to Tommy and Dorothy Trinder.

The Vale of Evesham forms a magnificent backdrop to the New Anglian Singers who gave concerts on each afternoon under their conductor, John Hull, who was the Festival's artistic director. The record made by the Singers in conjunction with Sir Bernard Miles, *A Tapestry of Winter*, is advertised on our back cover.

The remarkable collection of dolls, clothed in costumes of each Swiss canton, as well as of other European countries, was exhibited by Central Executive member Janet Rauch, from Essex.

Particularly popular with many of the visitors were the demonstrations of handweaving and spinning by Jessica Rowley of Chippenham.

The Rev Crispin White, of the Western Regional staff, and his wife, Mary share the hobby of making jewelry from rocks and stones. A great many pieces of jewelry were on sale (for the benefit of Toc H) and proved extremely popular.

A welcome addition to the programme this year was the display of Scottish country dancing by members of the Tartan Club from Birmingham.

Above: The Festival was a combined effort by close on 100 performers and helpers. Among the hardest worked were the members from Walsall, led by Vera and Doug Ridgway, who ran the refreshment tent.

right: This remarkable display of skilled craftsmanship is the work of Frank Barnes, woodworker extraordinary, from Ampney Crucis near Cirencester.

Photos by Bob Broeder and Nigel Turner

Dr. Barnett Joseph

In August we offered our congratulations to the Rev Dr Barnett Joseph on an MBE received in the Birthday Honours list. We regret to say that news of his sudden death reached us soon afterwards and we extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs Joseph and his daughters. Colin Campbell has sent us a personal tribute.

It was my privilege to come to know Rabbi Joseph and his delightful family when I was involved in the project for rebuilding Mark III. He told me once that as he watched from his nearby home the rising Prideaux House he was convinced that it would become a spiritual power for the benefit of Christian and Jew alike in Hackney. He did what he could to make it so and as Convener of the local Ministers' Fraternal and Council of Christians and Jews he relied upon the hospitality of the House.

He and the Founder Padre developed a high regard for each other and I count it one of the debts I owe to Toc H that I was a fellow guest of each of them on more than one occasion. One memorable evening when Tubby was invited to supper with the Rabbi together with one or two distinguished London Jews proved to be a spiritual and intellectual feast akin to a meeting of Old Testament prophets. It was as though the common heritage had touched the very depths of Tubby's scholarship and intuition which, in turn, inspired his fellow guests.

From time to time Dr Joseph was moved to place on record his belief in Toc H. Two sentences from an article he wrote for the *Journal* in November 1963 under the title of 'Thoughts on a Jubilee' reflect the regard of an orthodox and erudite Jewish Rabbi for our Christian Movement.

'I am inclined to regard the jubilee of Toc H not merely as the end of a period of achievement, but as the beginning of a stage of spiritual consolidation and advance'. 'The great religious and humanitarian work of the Toc H Movement with which I have had the great privilege of being associated in a modest way has appealed to me as a Jew because it represents the fundamental Jewish principle that service to society is a logical consequence of belief in the Creator'.

I valued his friendship and faith. I never met him without learning something, not least to look behind the ebb and flow of things temporal for the eternal realities.

We also regret to announce the death of the following members:

In June: Ronald W Watkins (East Barnet).

In July: Minnie A Tomalin (Fleet).

In August: Kenneth S H Bazley (Kidderminster), Kathleen E M Clark (Highams Park), Robert W Leadbetter (Northam), L Jack Reed (East Anglia Area).

In September: Arthur N Councell (Goring by Sea), Marjorie Goddard (Leeds), Leonard B Kendrick (Oulton Broad), Theodore E Lean (Thornton Cleveleys), J Eric Nichols (Bebington), Sybil Noller (Ipswich), Cyril V Scribbins (Maidenhead), the Rev Edward H Whitehorn (one-time Warden of Mark 2).

In October: Frank Mead (Central).

We give thanks for their lives.

The boy in the Apple-Tree

Once when I was a smallish boy
I thought for a while I was Christ re-born
And climbed up into an apple-tree
And wouldn't come down for lunch or tea
For fear of my brother's scorn.

But I knew for a while that, whatever they said,
I was somehow different from all the rest
And born to do noble and splendid things
As the unknown son of the king of kings,
Different and doubly blessed.

I don't remember when first I knew
That everyone else was the same as me,
And understood, at least in part,
The truth that had blazed in the secret heart
Of the boy in the apple-tree.

Alec Churcher

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